HE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE In re Application of: Group Art Unit: 1723 MICHAEL S. REEDY SERIAL NO.: 09/835,827 Examiner: Marianne S. Ocampo FILED: April 16, 2001 FOR: SPLIT LEAF FILTER Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231 Sir: INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT Form PTO-1449, with a copy of the cited reference, are enclosed. Please place these materials in the file for the Examiner. A check covering the \$180.00 fee mandated by 37 CFR 97(c) and 1.17(p) is enclosed. Respectfully submitted, By: Attorney for Applicant(s) Registration No. 31,948 10255 Main Street, Suite 10 Clarence, New York 14031 Telephone: (716) 759-1231 I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, DC 20231 on: December 31, 2002 (Date of Deposit) Walter W. Duft

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